COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	On-Duty Hit Shooting
IAB FILE NUMBER:	SH 2413823
URN#:	016-17669-1127-011
DATE/TIME:	October 5, 2016 / 1228 Hours
LOCATION:	[redacted] West Avenue J6, Lancaster, CA 93536

SYNOPSIS

On October 5, 2016, Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators Sergeants Mark Lopez, Eric Barron, and Lieutenant Justin Diez responded to the City of Lancaster regarding an on-duty hit-shooting involving Deputy Zachary Anderson. IAB Sergeant [redacted] was assigned the administrative review of the incident.

IAB Lieutenant Diez checked to see the Watch Commander, Sergeant Anthony Gunn took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved parties and witnesses did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Lieutenant Diez also checked with Sergeant Gunn that the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, Lieutenant Diez checked to see if Sergeant Gunn attempted to have the involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor, until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

The incident was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau. The results of their investigation were documented in the Homicide Books, Volumes 1-3, under URN 016-17669-1127-011 **[Exhibit A]**.

The case was reviewed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice System Integrity Division and the shooting was determined lawful. The basis of their determination was documented in a letter to Homicide Captain Christopher Bergner, dated April 2, 2018 **[Exhibit B]**.

SUMMARY

On October 5, 2016, [redacted] her infant child, and stepson [redacted] were at home [redacted] upstairs, in their respective bedrooms. Both [redacted] and [redacted] heard a loud noise downstairs. Approximately 20 minutes after hearing the noise, [redacted] went downstairs and saw the rear sliding glass door was shattered. She went back upstairs and told [redacted] about the sliding glass door.

[redacted] went downstairs, saw the shattered rear sliding glass door, and found the garage door was open. [redacted] went back to [redacted] bedroom, where she called 9-1-1 to report the burglary **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 1-8 and page 71; EXHIBIT C, Azuela 9-1-1 Call]**.

A possible burglary in progress call was dispatched (Tag 259). Deputies Benjamin Casebolt and Erik Swanson (Unit 111), were assigned as the handling unit. Deputy Zachary Anderson (Unit 111B), Sergeant [redacted] (Unit 113S), and Sergeant Christopher Bergo (Unit 811S) responded as assisting units. Parks Bureau Deputy Steven Lanigan (Unit 831A) was in the area and responded after hearing the call over his radio.

Deputy Swanson coordinated the call on Dispatch 15 and instructed their assisting units to contain the location and requested an airship **[EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15, audio mark 0:03:20]**. Updates to the call informed the responding deputies that the informant heard glass breaking and the doorbell sounding **[EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15, audio mark 0:05:48]**.

IAB Note: Dispatch 15 is the assigned primary radio channel for Lancaster Station.

Deputy Anderson responded from Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH). Sergeant [redacted] drove to the call on West Avenue J. Sergeant Bergo responded to the call from the Michael Antonvich Antelope Valley Courthouse (AV Court). Parks Bureau Deputy Steven Lanigan (Unit 831A), was monitoring Dispatch 15 when he heard the call. He responded from the area of Avenue M and State Route 14 freeway.

Deputy Anderson went north on 32nd Street West when he saw a patrol car (Sergeant [redacted]) driving south on 32nd Street West at the same time. Sergeant [redacted] turned west on West Avenue J6 and saw male black in a black and white striped shirt (identified as Suspect Lovell) running southwest toward the [redacted] apartment complex at [redacted] West Avenue J6.

Deputy Anderson slowed as he approached West Avenue J7 and saw Sergeant [redacted] make a turn onto West Avenue J6. Shortly after, Sergeant [redacted] broadcasted emergent radio traffic that the suspect was running southwest into the apartment complex. Sergeant Bergo was in the area of 32nd Street West and West Avenue J8 and also heard Sergeant [redacted] emergent radio transmission. **[Exhibit C, Dispatch 15, audio mark 0:06:47]**.

Sergeant [redacted] drove south into the apartment complex from the only entrance on the north side. Sergeant [redacted] continued to follow Suspect Lovell. Within seconds, Sergeant [redacted] stopped his patrol car, partially under the carport by spaces #93 and #94 (across from apartment #[redacted]). Suspect Lovell was opening the door to apartment #[redacted] and his back was turned to Sergeant [redacted]

IAB Note: Suspect Lovell resided in apartment #[redacted]

Deputy Anderson followed Sergeant [redacted] onto West Avenue J6. He looked toward the [redacted] apartment complex and saw Sergeant [redacted] getting out of his patrol car. Deputy Anderson momentarily lost sight of Sergeant [redacted] as he drove into the apartment complex to Sergeant [redacted]

Sergeant [redacted] continued his emergent radio traffic and advised he was detaining the suspect at gunpoint **[Exhibit C, Dispatch 15, audio mark 0:07:00]**.

IAB Note: It was unknown where Sergeant [redacted] was standing while he detained Suspect Lovell at gunpoint.

IAB Note: Sergeant [redacted] emergent radio traffic was one continuous transmission [EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15, audio marks 0:6:47-0:07:00].

Sergeant [redacted] gave Suspect Lovell orders to surrender. Suspect Lovell instantly turned and fired one round from a .38 caliber revolver. The round struck Sergeant [redacted] in the face. Sergeant [redacted] fell on his back, onto the paved roadway. Suspect Lovell walked up to Sergeant [redacted] and fired four more rounds at Sergeant [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] was fatally wounded by the gunshots **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, page 509-530]**.

As Deputy Anderson drove into the apartment complex, he heard three to four gunshots **[Exhibit A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 177; Anderson, page, 10]**. When he turned the corner of the roadway, Deputy Anderson saw Sergeant [redacted] lying on his back near the rear driver's side of his (Sergeant [redacted]) patrol car, with Suspect Lovell standing over Sergeant [redacted]

From his patrol car, Deputy Anderson saw Suspect Lovell step over Sergeant [redacted], and get in to the driver's seat of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car. Believing Sergeant [redacted] was dead, Deputy Anderson broadcasted emergent radio traffic of "998. Officer down" **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 181; Anderson, page 13; EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15, audio mark 0:07:19]**.

> **IAB Note: 998 is the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department radio code for Deputy Involved in Shooting.**

At this point, Sergeant Bergo was driving toward the call. He was flagged down by a citizen at Avenue J8 and 35th Street West. When he stopped to speak with the citizen, Sergeant Bergo heard gunshots and Deputy Anderson broadcasting "998." Sergeant Bergo immediately went looking for the origin of the gunfire.

After Deputy Anderson transmitted the emergent radio traffic, he exited his patrol car. He stopped just north of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car and stood behind his open driver's side door with his gun out. Deputy Anderson gave Suspect Lovell several orders to get on the ground.

Suspect Lovell got out of the driver's seat of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car and stood at the driver's door. He reached over the rooftop and pointed a gun at Deputy Anderson. Deputy Anderson saw the barrel of Suspect Lovell's gun pointed at him. Fearing for his life, Deputy Anderson fired several rounds at Suspect Lovell. He lost sight of Suspect Lovell when Suspect Lovell sought cover by ducking into the driver's side of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car.

After losing sight of Suspect Lovell, Deputy Anderson ran around the back of his patrol car, and repositioned himself at the front passenger's side. Suspect Lovell sprung up in the driver's seat and came into Deputy Anderson's view. Deputy Anderson believed Suspect Lovell was about to shoot at him and fired a second volley of rounds at Suspect Lovell. He saw the rounds hit Sergeant [redacted] patrol car, but was unsure if Suspect Lovell was struck by any of the rounds.

Suspect Lovell drove Sergeant [redacted] patrol car in reverse, pointed its front end at Deputy Anderson, and stopped. Deputy Anderson was unable to see Suspect Lovell because he was crouched in the driver's seat. Suspect Lovell quickly sat up, which gave Deputy Anderson a clear view of him. Afraid Suspect Lovell would shoot him, Deputy Anderson fired a third volley of gunfire at Suspect Lovell. Deputy Anderson saw his rounds shatter the windshield.

> **IAB Note: Deputy Anderson fired a total of 18 rounds within the three volleys of gunfire.**

Suspect Lovell accelerated the patrol car at Deputy Anderson. Deputy Anderson was afraid he was about to be run over and quickly moved around the back of his patrol car to the driver's side.

Suspect Lovell crashed the front passenger side of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car into the front passenger side of Deputy Anderson's patrol car. The force of the collision pushed Deputy Anderson's patrol car into him and caused him to briefly lose his balance **(Refer to transcripts, Anderson January 14, 2019, pages 20-21)**. The collision caused major damage to both patrol cars **[Refer to photos, EXHIBIT C, Location #2]**.

Deputy Anderson took aim at Suspect Lovell when he saw Suspect Lovell reaching in the area of his waistband. Deputy Anderson tried to fire this gun at Suspect Lovell again, but realized his gun was empty. He reloaded his gun as he ran towards some parked cars, south of him, to look for cover.

Deputy Anderson saw Suspect Lovell running northwest from Sergeant [redacted] patrol and out of the apartment complex. Deputy Anderson followed Suspect Lovell as he put out emergent radio traffic that the suspect was running. Deputy Anderson stopped when he got to West Avenue J6 and saw Suspect Lovell jump over a cinderblock wall and into a yard on the north side of the street.

Deputy Anderson continued transmitting emergent radio traffic to alert the responding deputies that the suspect jumped over the wall **[EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15, audio mark 0:08:08-0:08:20]**.

> **IAB Note:** **During this time, the [redacted] witnessed portions of the incident. Refer to Witness statements.**

Deputy Anderson saw a patrol car approaching on West Avenue J6 and told the deputy Suspect Lovell jumped over the wall and immediately ran back to Sergeant [redacted] to render aid **[EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15, audio mark 0:08:33]**.

> **IAB Note:** **Approximately one minute and eighteen seconds elapsed from the time Sergeant [redacted] broadcasted emergent radio traffic that the suspect was running, to the time Deputy Anderson broadcasted the suspect ran out of the apartment complex [EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15, audio marks 0:06:47-0:08:05]**.

Sergeant Bergo arrived and saw Sergeant [redacted] was severely injured on the ground. Not knowing when paramedics would arrive, Sergeant Bergo decided to transport Sergeant [redacted] to the hospital in a patrol car. Deputy Lanigan arrived in a marked Ford Expedition and moved equipment from the rear compartment of his vehicle, in preparation of Sergeant [redacted] transport to the hospital.

> **IAB Note:** **Several deputies arrived to assist with Sergeant [redacted] transport and containment of the suspect. Refer to Additional Information for further.**

Suspect Lovell continued to flee and crossed multiple yards trying to escape. He jumped into the backyard of [redacted] and opened the rear sliding glass door to the house. Suspect Lovell encountered two teenage residents and held them hostage for approximately one hour.

> **IAB Note:** **For statements made by the hostages, refer to [EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 99-108; Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 582-673].**

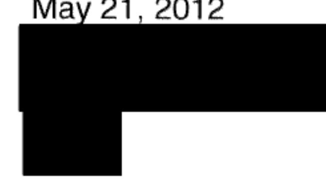
About an hour and a half after running from the apartment complex, Suspect Lovell surrendered to deputies in the driveway of [redacted] without incident. Suspect Lovell sustained two gunshot wounds to his left shoulder and left upper back and was transported to Henry Mayo Hospital **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 189-196]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Zachary Anderson [redacted], Deputy Sheriff

Work History

North Patrol Division / Lancaster Station
Date of Employment: May 21, 2012
Date Assigned to Patrol:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force:


[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy Anderson was wearing a Class A uniform, with a gun belt equipped with the following:

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, keys, duty weapon (M&P, 9MM), handcuffs (2 pair), expandable baton, portable radio, ammunition magazines (2), and taser. Deputy Anderson carried a Ruger LCR .38 revolver in his back left pocket.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Trenton Lovell — IN CUSTODY
MB/08-03-1989 — CII [redacted]

Suspect Lovell's Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System was included in the Homicide Book **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 381-393]**.

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Trenton Lovell sustained a through and through flesh wound to his upper left back and behind his left shoulder. He was treated by Doctor Heather Flaherty at Henry Mayo Hospital and cleared for booking. The injury was consistent with a bullet strike and not life-threatening **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, pages 27-28 and 398-420]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INJURIES

Deputy Anderson had abrasions to his right pinkie and the top of his left hand.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence located at the scenes were located and collected under the direction of Homicide Investigators. Refer to **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene at [redacted] West Avenue J6 was described in detail by Homicide Investigators Philip Guzman #[redacted] and Eric Arias #[redacted] **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 80-90]**

The scene was photographed by Forensic Identification Specialist Jeff Collins of Scientific Services Bureau. Refer to compact disc and photos under **[EXHIBIT C, Location #2 photos]**.

The scene was documented in sketches produced by Forensic Identification Specialist A. Alusha #[redacted] of Scientific Services Bureau **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 272-278]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Anderson fired 18 rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith and Wesson M&P. The weapon was examined by Scientific Services Firearms Identification Unit **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book Volume 1, pages 254-255]**.

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT

Suspect Lovell fired 5 rounds from a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver. The revolver was stolen from a residential burglary in Ventura County on March 14, 2016 **[EXHITIB A, Homicide Book Volume 1, pages 293-321]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

The property damage was documented in **EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 245-250.**

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION/CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into Suspect Lovell's actions were handled by Homicide Investigators Karen Shonka and Wayne Holston. On October 7, 2016, the investigators presented their case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. Suspect Lovell was charged in Antelope Valley Superior court under case number MA069699 with the following:

- 1 Count of Murder of a Police Officer (Special Circumstances)
- 1 Count of Attempted Murder on a Peace Officer with an Automobile
- 2 Counts of Residential Robbery (Knife)
- 2 Counts of False Imprisonment
- 1 Count of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon
- 1 Count Burglary (First Degree)

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during daylight hours. The weather was clear and cool.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

Personnel utilized the Dispatch 15, L-TAC, and C-TAC 1 through the duration of the incident. The radio traffic from all three frequencies are contained on one compact disc, for a duration of 6 hours, 36 minutes and 4 seconds. The following is a timeline of pertinent radio transmissions on Dispatch 15, as documented on the recording. Refer to Miscellaneous Documents for a log of L-TAC and C-TAC 1 transmissions.

Dispatch 15 (Real time 1215 Hours – 1434 Hours)

Audio mark	
0:03:22	Burglary in progress call dispatched at [redacted]
0:03:39	111 assigned as handling unit, and responded Code 3
0:03:45	111B assigned as an assisting unit, and responded Code 3
0:04:00	113S acknowledged call and responded Code 3
0:04:19	811BS acknowledged call and responded Code 3
0:04:30	111 coordinated burglary in progress call
0:05:48	Burglary call updated
0:06:17	111B advised 97 at call
0:06:47	113S transmitted emergent traffic of suspect running west
0:07:03	113S detaining suspect at gunpoint

0:07:07	SCC asked direction for detaining at gunpoint
0:07:13	831A advised responding Code 3
0:07:19	111B transmitted emergent traffic of "998, officer down"
0:07:52	811BS advised ETA of seconds away
0:08:00	831A advised Code 6
0:08:05	111B advised suspect running west out of the apartment complex
0:08:16	111B advised suspect jumped over the wall and went northbound
0:08:30	SCC advised address was [redacted]
0:08:33	111B requested 902R

IAB Note: **There were several overlapping transmissions from audio marks 0:07:19-0:08:40 [EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15].**

0:08:48	Unknown unit advised suspect went northbound over a fence
0:08:50	SCC asked location for 902R request
0:09:05	SCC requested Palmdale units to respond
0:09:24	Unknown unit requested 902R at apartment complex – officer down
0:09:50	Unknown unit requested traffic block to hospital

IAB Note: **There were several overlapping transmissions from audio marks 0:09:05-0:09:50 [EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15].**

0:09:50	Unknown unit requested traffic lanes to be blocked for hospital
0:10:13	Unknown unit advised suspect armed with 417
0:10:20	Unknown unit advised updated suspect description
0:10:46	Unknown unit advised suspect jumped into yard of [redacted] eastbound toward 32nd Street West
0:11:20	811BS Code 6 with downed deputy and set a containment
0:11:40	811BS advised location of downed deputy
0:11:54	831A with informants; suspect ran eastbound from Lotus
0:12:10	Unknown unit requested ETA for fire
0:12:15	811BS requested Aero unit, ETA for Fire, advised of scoop and roll
0:12:20	SCC advised Aero units not available
0:12:26	Unknown unit requested units to block traffic
0:12:42	811BS advised of scoop and roll

IAB Note: **The coordination of Sergeant [redacted] transport to the hospital were coordinated by several unknown deputies and SCC, refer to audio marks 0:12:50-0:16:00 [EXHIBIT C, Dispatch 15].**

0:13:20	SCC advised Aero unit responding
0:15:05	SCC requested ETA for K9
0:15:48	Unknown unit advised suspect ran through yard at [redacted]
0:16:00	Unknown unit advised 97 at hospital
0:17:00	SCC requested Aero unit

0:17:30 SCC advised Aero unit responding

IAB Note: Between audio marks 0:16:28 – 0:18:18 SCC attempted to raise Sergeant [redacted] over the radio, due to his radio being keyed several times. It was later learned his microphone button was depressed several times as deputies carried him into the hospital .

0:18:28 Unknown unit advised of the start of a yard to yard search
0:18:48 811GL advised to set up containment instead of yard search
0:19:31 Unknown unit advised suspect may have been hit

IAB Note: There transmissions between audio marks 0:20:00-0:30:00 was the coordination of a containment.

0:22:09 Command post established at Antelope Valley College
0:24:29 Air 7 advised of a 14 minute ETA
0:29:18 K9 advised of a 15 minute ETA
0:37:00 Roll call conducted
0:56:58 110G1 advised weapon was a revolver
1:02:40 Unknown unit advised suspect's path of travel
1:04:12 Unknown unit advised suspect inside [redacted] with victims
1:06:06 Unknown units contained [redacted]
1:08:07 Unknown unit advised SEB and K-9 approaching Mariposa
1:10:05 Unknown units identified victims at Mariposa
1:12:18 811E4 advised second story rear slider to Mariposa opened
1:25:20 Command Post updated suspect inside the house with victims
1:26:34 811AS advised victim sending texts from inside the house
1:27:25 CNT was responding
1:34:06 Unknown unit saw the suspect at rear of target house running west

IAB Note: The apprehension of Suspect Lovell at [redacted] was not transmitted over any radio frequencies.

1:39:02 Unknown unit prepared to conduct field show-up
1:44:40 Unknown unit requested paramedics for suspect
1:58:00 Field show-up conducted

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

There was no video footage of the shooting captured on surveillance cameras.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended as only a synopsis of the interviews which have been paraphrased for clarification purposes. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcripts.

WITNESS EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

Sergeant Christopher Bergo

On January 7, 2019, IAB Sergeant [redacted] interviewed Sergeant Bergo at the Internal Affairs Bureau. Sergeant Bergo chose to participate in the interview without the presence of a labor representative. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Sergeant Bergo was the Lancaster Station burglary suppression team sergeant. He was at AV Court when he heard a burglary call on Dispatch 15 and responded to the call. He heard the call being coordinated by the handling unit.

Sergeant Bergo approximated when he was one mile away on West Avenue J8 at 25th Street West, he heard Sergeant [redacted] advise on the radio, he was detaining the suspect at gunpoint.

When Sergeant Bergo reached West Avenue J8 and 32nd Street West, a citizen flagged him down. Sergeant Bergo rolled down his window to speak with the citizen and heard several gunshots. Within seconds after hearing the gunshots, Deputy Anderson broadcasted "998" **(Refer to transcripts, Bergo, page 5)**.

> **IAB Note: Sergeant Bergo initially believed Deputy Anderson was shot (Refer to transcripts, Bergo, page 5).**

Sergeant Bergo went west on West Avenue J8, then onto 35th Street West, believing the shooting was at the [redacted] apartment complex. Sergeant Bergo was familiar with this apartment complex, because it had been a focus of his burglary suppression team. The [redacted] was a newer apartment complex, which is in close proximity to the [redacted] apartments.

Sergeant Bergo went north on 35th Street West and east on West Avenue J4. He rounded the [redacted] apartment complex, but did not see Sergeant [redacted] or Deputy Anderson's patrol cars. He went back to West Avenue J6 and looked south at the [redacted] apartment complex. Sergeant Bergo saw two patrol cars and drove to them.

Upon his arrival, Sergeant Bergo saw a deputy wounded lying on the ground. At the time, Sergeant Bergo did not know it was Sergeant [redacted] He saw two damaged patrol cars which appeared to be disabled. Sergeant Bergo inquired about the paramedics response time over the radio, then decided to transport Sergeant [redacted] to the hospital via patrol car.

Sergeant Bergo recalled several deputies arrived, including a Parks Bureau Deputy Lanigan, who was driving a marked Ford Expedition **(Refer to transcripts, Bergo, page 8)**. Four deputies carried and placed Sergeant [redacted] into the rear compartment of the Expedition for transport to the hospital. Prior to leaving the apartment complex, Sergeant Bergo saw Sergeant [redacted] duty weapon on the ground. He directed Deputy Stacey Carter to secure it **(Refer to transcripts, Bergo, page 9)**.

Sergeant Bergo did not see Deputy Anderson's shooting while he was at the [redacted] apartment complex **(Refer to transcripts, Bergo, page 9)**.

Deputy Benjamin Casebolt

On January 10, 2019, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Thomas Arellano interviewed Deputy Casebolt at Lancaster Station. Deputy Casebolt chose to participate in the interview without the presence of a labor representative. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

October 5, 2016, Deputy Casebolt worked a two-man car (Unit 111) with Deputy Erik Swanson on Day shift. Deputy Casebolt was the driver and Deputy Swanson was the bookman. They were dispatched as the handling unit on an emergent burglary call at [redacted]. Deputy Anderson and Sergeant [redacted] were assigned as the assisting units. Deputy Swanson instructed the assisting deputies to contain the location on Dispatch 15.

As Deputies Casebolt and Swanson drove to the call, Deputy Casebolt heard Sergeant [redacted] transmit emergent radio traffic that the suspect ran into an apartment complex. Within a minute after hearing Sergeant [redacted] radio traffic, Deputy Casebolt heard Deputy Anderson broadcast "998 and a deputy down" **(Refer to transcripts, Casebolt, pages 6-7)**.

Due to numerous radio transmissions, it was unclear to Deputy Casebolt, where the location of the shooting was. The confusion with the radio traffic first led Deputies Casebolt and Swanson to [redacted] **(Refer to transcripts, Casebolt, pages 7-8)**.

> **IAB Note:** **Within minutes of Deputy Anderson's emergent radio traffic, there were several radio transmissions about an armed suspect running to [redacted]**

While trying to locate Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy Anderson, Deputy Casebolt saw several deputies drive into the [redacted] apartment complex and followed them. Deputy Casebolt saw several deputies preparing Sergeant [redacted] for transport to the hospital.

Knowing Suspect Lovell was still at large, Deputies Casebolt and Swanson assisted with the containment. They later spoke with [redacted] regarding the burglary at her home and documented it on a supplemental report **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 10-12)**.

> **IAB Note: The burglary at [redacted] was documented in an incident report [EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 421-427].**

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

Witness [redacted]

On January 10, 2019, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Thomas Arellano interviewed Witness [redacted] at Lancaster Station. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio file and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Witness [redacted] was the [redacted] of the [redacted] apartment complex. She and the [redacted] were in the [redacted] when she heard cars screeching. They went to the breezeway leading to the east side of the complex. Witness [redacted] saw Deputy Anderson at his patrol car, standing at the open driver's side door, and firing several times from his gun to the south. She only had a partial view of Deputy Anderson and his patrol car and was unable to see what he was shooting at.

Stunned by what she saw, Witness [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] went back inside the [redacted]. Witness [redacted] looked out of the north window and saw Suspect Lovell run north out of the complex and across West Avenue J6. Suspect Lovell jumped over a block wall into a backyard of a house located on the north side of West Avenue J6.

Within seconds, several deputies drove into the apartment complex. She walked out of the [redacted] and saw four deputies carry a wounded deputy and place him in a patrol car. She waited inside the [redacted] until deputies contacted her.

[redacted]

Homicide Interview of [redacted]
(Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 469-499)

On October 5, 2016, Homicide Investigators Detectives Donna Cheek and Scott Matlock conducted an interview with [redacted]. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio files were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

[redacted] told Homicide investigators she was home with her infant child and her stepson [redacted]. While talking on the phone with her husband, [redacted] heard a loud noise, but thought it was a garbage truck. Approximately 20 minutes later, she went downstairs and saw the back sliding glass door was shattered. [redacted] went upstairs and told [redacted] about the sliding glass door. [redacted] went downstairs to check the house and found the garage door was open.

[redacted] called 9-1-1 to report the break-in. While talking on the phone with the 9-1-1 operator, [redacted] looked out her bedroom window. [redacted] saw Suspect Lovell walking in the parking lot of the apartment complex [redacted] of her house.

[redacted] stepped away from the window and heard several gunshots. She went back to the same window and saw Sergeant [redacted] lying on the ground next to a patrol car. She also saw Deputy Anderson standing outside his patrol car and shooting his gun. [redacted] saw a patrol car go in reverse and believed it crashed into the second patrol car (Deputy Anderson). Suspect Lovell ran from the first patrol car, out of the apartment complex, and across West Avenue J6.

IAB Note: [redacted] **also provided statements to Deputies Casebolt and Swanson. Refer to [EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1, pages 10-11].**

IAB Interview

IAB investigators attempted to obtain a statement from [redacted] but as of the date of the completion of this investigative summary, [redacted] did not respond IAB investigators' request for a statement (Refer to Miscellaneous Documents).

Homicide Interview of [redacted]
(Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 478-499)

On October 5, 2016, Homicide Investigators Detective Ty Labbe, Sergeant Robert Gray, and Detective Adam Kirste interviewed [redacted] The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio files were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

[redacted] was upstairs in his bedroom when he heard a loud crashing sound. He thought it might have been his stepmother [redacted] breaking something. He also heard the garage door open and close shortly after. About ten minutes later, [redacted] went into his room and told him their house had been broken into.

[redacted] went downstairs to check the house. He saw the garage door was open and the rear sliding door was shattered. He went back to [redacted] bedroom and she called 9-1-1 to report the break-in. While [redacted] was on the phone, [redacted] looked out of the bedroom window and saw Suspect Lovell jumping over the fence into the apartment complex. He then saw two patrol cars driving around in the area.

[redacted] stepped away from the window and heard gunshots seconds later. He looked out of the window and saw Sergeant [redacted] on the ground. He saw Suspect Lovell get into a patrol car and Deputy Anderson shooting at Suspect Lovell. He saw Deputy Anderson's rounds hit the windshield of the patrol car the suspect was driving.

Suspect Lovell rammed the patrol car into Deputy Anderson's patrol car. [redacted] believed Deputy Anderson was disoriented from the car crash. Suspect Lovell ran out of the complex into a yard on the north side of West Avenue J6.

IAB Interview

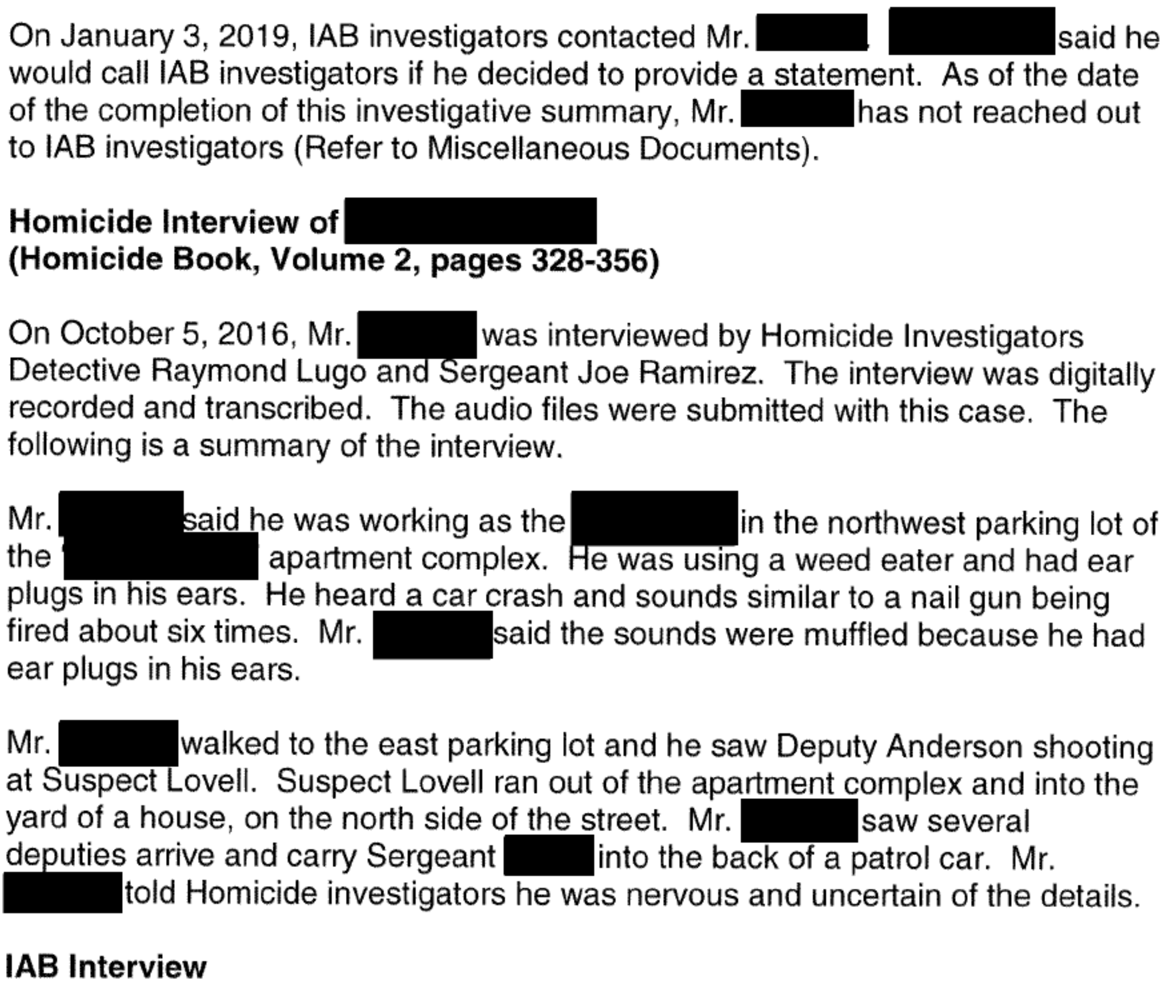
IAB investigators made several attempts to contact [redacted] to no avail (Refer to Miscellaneous Documents).

Homicide Interview of [redacted]
(Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 528-548)

On October 5, 2016, [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Sergeant Robert Gray and Detective Adam Kirste. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio files were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Mr. [redacted] was inside the [redacted] with Witness [redacted] when he heard cars screeching and three gunshots. He and Witness [redacted] went to the breezeway which lead to the east parking lot and saw Deputy Anderson shooting his gun in a southwest direction. Mr. [redacted] believed he saw someone lying on the ground. He also saw two damaged patrol cars in the parking lot.

Mr. [redacted] hurried back into the manager's office with Witness [redacted] He looked out of the window and saw Suspect Lovell running and a deputy following Suspect Lovell. Mr. [redacted] said the suspect crossed West Avenue J6, jumped over a wall, and into a yard. He estimated a minute passed from the time he saw Deputy Anderson shooting until the time he saw the suspect jump over the wall.



IAB Interview

On January 3, 2019, IAB investigators contacted Mr. [redacted]. [redacted] said he would call IAB investigators if he decided to provide a statement. As of the date of the completion of this investigative summary, Mr. [redacted] has not reached out to IAB investigators (Refer to Miscellaneous Documents).

Homicide Interview of [redacted]
(Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 328-356)

On October 5, 2016, Mr. [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Detective Raymond Lugo and Sergeant Joe Ramirez. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio files were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Mr. [redacted] said he was working as the [redacted] in the northwest parking lot of the [redacted] apartment complex. He was using a weed eater and had ear plugs in his ears. He heard a car crash and sounds similar to a nail gun being fired about six times. Mr. [redacted] said the sounds were muffled because he had ear plugs in his ears.

Mr. [redacted] walked to the east parking lot and he saw Deputy Anderson shooting at Suspect Lovell. Suspect Lovell ran out of the apartment complex and into the yard of a house, on the north side of the street. Mr. [redacted] saw several deputies arrive and carry Sergeant [redacted] into the back of a patrol car. Mr. [redacted] told Homicide investigators he was nervous and uncertain of the details.

IAB Interview

On January 3, 2019, IAB investigators contacted [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] told IAB investigators he had provided a statement to Homicide investigators when the incident occurred and declined to speak with IAB investigators.

<u>SUSPECT STATEMENTS</u>

Homicide Interview of Trenton Lovell
(Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 9-55)

On October 5, 2016, at approximately 2100 hours, Homicide Investigators Detectives Karen Shonka and Wayne Holston interviewed Suspect Lovell at Santa Clarita Station. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio files and transcripts were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Suspect Lovell said he was walking on Avenue J6 and had a revolver with him, which he "bought off the streets" **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 26]**. He saw the "police" (Sergeant Owen) driving toward him. Suspect Lovell ran toward his apartment, away from Sergeant [redacted] because he was on parole and carrying a revolver. He jumped over a fence and a cinderblock wall to get into the apartment complex.

Sergeant [redacted] drove through the north gate of the complex to follow him. When Suspect Lovell reached his front door, Sergeant [redacted] gave commands for him to stop. He saw Sergeant [redacted] getting out of his patrol car with his gun pointed at him (Suspect Lovell). Suspect Lovell immediately retrieved the revolver from the pocket of his basketball shorts and shot Sergeant [redacted] once in the face. Sergeant [redacted] fell on his back, onto the ground. He walked over to Sergeant [redacted] and fired four more rounds at Sergeant [redacted] **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 25-27 and 34-39]**.

IAB Note: Suspect Lovell told Homicide Investigators he shot Sergeant [redacted] because Sergeant [redacted] had his gun pointed at him and he (Suspect Lovell) was trying to defend himself [EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 37].

IAB Note: During a recorded jail operation, Suspect Lovell admitted he was looking for Sergeant [redacted] gun so he could shoot Deputy Anderson [EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 1 pages 187-188; Volume 2, pages 56-125].

Deputy Anderson then drove into the complex and shot at him. He got into the driver's seat of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car to seek cover from Deputy Anderson's gunfire, but Deputy Anderson continued to fire at him.

When Suspect Lovell sat up from the driver's seat, he saw Deputy Anderson standing at his patrol car. He reversed the patrol car and stopped. He drove forward and intentionally rammed it into Deputy Anderson's patrol car. Suspect Lovell was hoping to cause a chain reaction to disable both patrol cars and injure Deputy Anderson. He thought if he could incapacitate the patrol cars and Deputy Anderson, he (Suspect Lovell) could get away **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 27]**.

After crashing the patrol cars, Suspect Lovell ran away, leaving the revolver inside Sergeant [redacted] patrol car. He ran northwest through the apartment complex and continued running into the neighborhood north of the apartment complex.

Suspect Lovell reached the backyard of [redacted] He opened and went inside the house through the rear sliding glass door. Two teenage residents [redacted] were inside.

Suspect Lovell told them he was hurt and initially claimed he was hurt during a robbery. Suspect Lovell eventually admitted to the teenagers that he shot a cop and tried to get away. Suspect Lovell held the teenagers hostage inside their house for approximately one hour.

Suspect Lovell contacted several people on his cell phone in an attempt to coordinate an escape. He realized the area was surrounded by law enforcement and he was unable to escape. Suspect Lovell left the house and jumped over a cinderblock wall on the northwest side of the yard and into an adjacent yard [redacted] Suspect Lovell then realized he was unable to move any further and surrendered to deputies in the driveway.

IAB Note: **Due to the pending criminal proceedings at the time of the completion of this summary, Suspect Lovell was not interviewed by IAB investigators.**

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENT

Homicide interview of Deputy Zachary Anderson [EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 166-210)

On October 5, 2016, Homicide Investigators John Duncan and Michael Valento interviewed Deputy Anderson in the Operations Lieutenant's office at Lancaster Station. Deputy Anderson was represented by Attorney Sherry Lawrence and Mitchell Kander from the Law Office of Green & Shinee. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed.

Deputy Anderson told Homicide investigators he was working as 111B on Day shift, when he was assigned as the assist on an emergent burglary call at [redacted] When he got closer, Deputy Anderson went north on 32nd Street West, and saw a patrol car driving south.

Deputy Anderson saw the patrol car turn onto West Avenue J6 and heard someone broadcast that the suspect was running. It was unknown to Deputy Anderson at that time, Sergeant [redacted] was driving the second patrol car **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 175]**. At that point, Deputy Anderson believed they were going to set a containment to catch the suspect.

Deputy Anderson turned on West Avenue J6 to follow the patrol car and he saw it was stopped on the east side of the apartment complex. Sergeant [redacted] broadcasted he was detaining a suspect at gunpoint. At that time, Deputy Anderson recognized Sergeant [redacted] voice. As Deputy Anderson drove into the apartment complex, he heard three or four gunshots as he turned on the roadway to get to the east side of the complex. He believed Sergeant [redacted] shot the suspect **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 178]**.

When Deputy Anderson got closer, he saw Sergeant [redacted] lying on the ground and Suspect Lovell stepping over Sergeant [redacted] Suspect Lovell got into and out of the driver's side of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car. Deputy Anderson was afraid and believed Suspect Lovell killed Sergeant [redacted] Deputy Anderson got on the radio and broadcasted emergent traffic of "998. Officer down" **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 181]**.

Deputy Anderson parked his patrol car, got out, and gave orders to Suspect Lovell to get on the ground. Suspect Lovell refused and pointed a gun at Deputy Anderson. He believed Suspect Lovell was going to kill him. Deputy Anderson fired several rounds at Suspect Lovell as he quickly got into the driver's side of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car. Deputy Anderson saw Suspect Lovell inside the patrol car he fired several more rounds at Suspect Lovell.

Suspect Lovell reversed Sergeant [redacted] patrol car and stopped. The front end of the patrol car was pointed Deputy Anderson. Suspect Lovell sat up in the driver's seat and Deputy Anderson was able to see Suspect Lovell. Believing he was going to shoot him, Deputy Anderson fired a third time at Suspect Lovell.

Deputy Anderson ran around the rear of his patrol car to avoid being hit. Suspect Lovell rammed the patrol car into Deputy Anderson's patrol car. Deputy Anderson ran to find cover, but he realized his magazine was empty and reloaded as he sought cover. He saw Suspect Lovell run out of the apartment complex and he followed Suspect Lovell. He broadcasted emergent radio traffic that the suspect was running and jumping over fences. Deputy Anderson saw a patrol car driving by and directed him to the area where Suspect Lovell jumped the fence. Deputy Anderson immediately went back to Sergeant [redacted] to render aid.

IAB interview of Deputy Zachary Anderson

On January 14, 2019, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Brian Godwin interviewed Deputy Anderson at IAB. On January 23, 2019, IAB Sergeants [redacted] and Andy Ruiz conducted a second interview with Deputy Anderson at Lancaster Station. Deputy Anderson was represented by Attorney Sherry Lawrence from Stone Busailah, LLP during both interviews. The interview was digitally recorded and transcribed. The audio files and transcript were submitted with this case. The following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Anderson told IAB investigators he was completing a call at AVH when he was assigned as an assist on a burglary and responded Code 3. Deputy Anderson reached 32nd Street West and went north. As he proceeded north, he saw a patrol car (Sergeant [redacted]) traveling south on 32nd Street West. Sergeant [redacted] turned on West Avenue J6.

Knowing the burglary call originated from a house on West Avenue J7, Deputy Anderson slowed his patrol vehicle to obtain a visual on the house. At the same time, Sergeant [redacted] transmitted emergent radio traffic of a "suspect running" and Deputy Anderson immediately went to West Avenue J6.

When the apartment complex came into Deputy Anderson's view he looked south and saw Sergeant [redacted] getting out of his patrol car, which was stopped in the east parking lot. Sergeant [redacted] continued his emergency radio traffic and broadcasted he was detaining the suspect at gunpoint.

Deputy Anderson drove into the complex and momentarily lost sight of Sergeant [redacted]. As he rounded the corner of the roadway Deputy Anderson heard four gunshots. When he got closer, Deputy Anderson saw Sergeant [redacted] on the ground, lying on his back, near the rear driver's side of his (Sergeant [redacted]) patrol car. Suspect Lovell was standing over Sergeant [redacted] **(Refer to transcript, Anderson, January 14, 2019, page 15)**.

Fearing Suspect Lovell killed Sergeant [redacted] Deputy Anderson broadcasted emergent radio traffic of "998. Officer down" from his portable radio **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 183; Anderson IAB transcript, page 13]** and exited his patrol car. Suspect Lovell quickly got into and out of the driver's side of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car and stood at the driver's side door.

Deputy Anderson stood behind his open driver's side door, detained Suspect Lovell at gunpoint, and gave him repeated orders to get on the ground. Suspect Lovell did not comply with Deputy Anderson. He reached over the rooftop of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car and pointed a gun at Deputy Anderson. Believing Suspect Lovell was going to shoot him, Deputy Anderson immediately fired several rounds at Suspect Lovell which hit Sergeant [redacted] patrol car **[EXHIBIT B, Homicide Book, Volume 2, page 184 – 185; Anderson, pages 16-17)**.

Deputy Anderson lost sight of Suspect Lovell, when he crouched in the driver's seat. Fearing Suspect Lovell would have a positional advantage over him when he reappeared, Deputy Anderson ran around the back of his patrol car to the front passenger door.

After Deputy Anderson repositioned himself, he regained sight of Suspect Lovell in the driver's seat, and fired a second barrage of gunfire at Suspect Lovell. Deputy Anderson saw the rounds hitting Sergeant [redacted] patrol car. Suspect Lovell slowly reversed Sergeant [redacted] patrol car. When it stopped, the front of the patrol car pointed directly at Deputy Anderson.

Suspect Lovell suddenly popped up in the driver's seat, which gave Deputy Anderson a view of his upper body. Believing Suspect Lovell was about to take aim and shoot at him, Deputy Anderson fired a third volley of gunfire. Several of the rounds hit the windshield of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car.

IAB Note: **Deputy Anderson estimated he was approximately 40–50 yard set away from Suspect Lovell each time he fired rounds (Refer to transcripts, Anderson, January 14, 2019, page 30).**

Deputy Anderson heard Sergeant [redacted] patrol car engine rev, then accelerated at him. He immediately ran around the back of his patrol car to the open driver's side door, to maintain cover. Suspect Lovell rammed the front passenger's side of Sergeant [redacted] patrol car into the front passenger's side of Deputy Anderson's patrol car. The force of the collision pushed Deputy Anderson's patrol car into him and caused him to briefly lose his balance.

From his position, Deputy Anderson saw Suspect Lovell reaching for his waistband. Deputy Anderson aimed and attempt to fire his gun again, but he realized his magazine was empty. Deputy Anderson ran south toward some parked cars and reloaded his gun as he sought cover **(Refer to transcripts, Anderson, January 14, 2019, pages 23-24)**.

At the same time, Suspect Lovell ran northwest from Sergeant [redacted] patrol car, through the apartment complex, and out of the north entrance gate. Deputy Anderson ran after Suspect Lovell, toward West Avenue J6 and saw Suspect Lovell jumping a wall into a yard. Deputy Anderson broadcasted emergent radio traffic that the suspect was running north and he was running after the suspect **[EXHBIT B, Dispatch 15, audio marks 0:07:19 - 0:08:05]**.

IAB Note: **There were several overlapping transmissions from audio marks 0:07:19 -0:08:40 [EXHIBIT B, Dispatch 15].**

IAB Note: **Deputy Anderson wore an earpiece which was attached to his portable radio microphone. At an unknown point, during the incident, the earpiece fell out of his ear and he was unable to hear any radio traffic (Refer to transcripts Anderson, January 23, 2019, pages 7-8).**

A patrol car drove up on West Avenue J6 and Deputy Anderson directed the deputy to where he last saw Suspect Lovell. Deputy Anderson immediately ran back to Sergeant [redacted] to render aid. When Deputy Anderson reached Sergeant [redacted], he saw a male and a female [redacted] standing in close proximity to Sergeant [redacted]. Deputy Anderson told them to go inside their apartment.

IAB Note: **For statements made to Homicide Investigators by [redacted] refer to [EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 436-468 [redacted] and pages 508-527 [redacted]**

Deputy Anderson checked Sergeant [redacted] pulse and believed he was still breathing. Sergeant Bergo arrived and coordinated Sergeant [redacted] transport to the hospital. Several deputies arrived and assisted with Sergeant [redacted] and the search for the suspect.

Deputy Anderson told Deputy Taylor Hoeft to move Sergeant [redacted] patrol car out of the roadway in preparation to transport Sergeant [redacted]. Deputies Anderson, Adam Nelson, and Detective Jeremy Esswein carried Sergeant [redacted] and placed him in the back of a marked Ford Expedition, driven by Deputy Lanigan. Deputies Anderson, Nelson, Hoeft, and Lanigan transported Sergeant [redacted] in a caravan with other patrol cars to AVH.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Several deputies responded to the location. None of them witnessed Deputy Anderson's shooting. They assisted with Sergeant [redacted] transport and the containment of the suspect. For their statements to Homicide investigators, refer to **[EXHIBIT A, Homicide Book, Volume 2, pages 221-307, 357-360, and 386-435].**

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